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31 July 1991

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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 31 July 1991, at 12 noon

President:	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA	(Cuba)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. NOTERDAEME
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mrs. KABA
	Ecuador	Mr. AYALA LASSO
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Romania	Mr. FLOREAN
	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. LOZINSKY
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
	United States of America	Mr. PICKERING
	Yemen	Mr. AL-ASHTAL
	Zaire	Mr. BAGBENI ADEITO NZENGEYA
	Zimbabwe	Mr. MUMBENGEGWI

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The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council this month, I should like, on behalf of the Council and on my own behalf, to pay a warm tribute to my distinguished predecessor, Mr. Jean-Jacques Bechio, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire, for his services as President of the Council for the month of June. In expressing my gratitude to Mr. Bechio for the courtesy and diplomatic talent which he demonstrated in conducting the proceedings of the Council last month, I am sure that I speak for all members of the Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (S/22829)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 23 January 1991 to 20 July 1991 (S/22829). In this report it is mentioned that during the current mandate period four members of the Force lost their lives. Furthermore, seven soldiers suffered injuries. I am sure that I speak for all members of the Council in extending sincere condolences to the Governments and families of the deceased who gave their lives in the cause of peace. Members of the Council also have the following documents before them: S/22791, letter dated 15 July 1991 from the Permanent

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Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General; S/22857, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Austria, Belgium, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, France, India, Romania, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 701 (1991).

(The President)

Following consultations among members of the Security Council I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The members of the Security Council have noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) (S/22829) submitted in conformity with resolution 684 (1991).

"They reaffirm their commitment to the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries. In this context, they assert that any State shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

"As the Security Council extends the mandate of UNIFIL for a further interim period on the basis of resolution 425 (1978), the members of the Council again stress the need for the implementation of that resolution in all its aspects. They express their appreciation for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General and his staff in this regard. They reiterate their full support for the Taif Agreement and commend the Lebanese Government for the recent successful deployment of its army in the Sidon and Tyre regions in the process of extending its authority over all Lebanese territory.

(The President)

"The members of the Security Council take this opportunity to commend UNIFIL's troops and troop-contributing countries for their sacrifices and commitment to the cause of international peace and security under difficult circumstances".

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.

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6 August 1991

ENGLISH

PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TWO THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINTY-NINTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 6 August 1991, at 12.05 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. BECHIO
	Cuba	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Romania	Mr. FLOREAN
	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. LOZINSKY
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
	United States	Mr. PICKERING
	Yemen	Mr. AL-ALFI
	Zaire	Mr. BAGBENI ADEITO NZENGEYA
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91-60987 5385V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of August, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of July 1991. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada for the great diplomatic skill and unfailing courtesy with which he conducted the Council's business last month. We shall remember his leadership and his valuable initiatives to make the work of the Council well known to all the Members of the United Nations.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1991 FROM THE VICE-PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETRARY-GENERAL (S/22777)

LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1991 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/22778)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 2 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/22777.

(The President)

In a letter dated 19 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter is contained in document S/22778.

Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise applications for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. Moreover, the fourth paragraph of rule 60 stipulates that the Security Council should make its recommendation on the applications not less than 25 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly following the receipt of the applications, in order to ensure its consideration at the session.

In view of the fact that the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly is scheduled to convene on 17 September, and bearing in mind the time-limits, I propose that the Committee on the Admission of New Members meet this afternoon, 6 August, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 in order to examine the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and prepare the Committee's report to the Council. I further propose

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that the Security Council meet again on Thursday, 8 August, to consider and take a decision on the report of the Committee.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.

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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TWO THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 6 August 1991, at 12.10 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. BECHIO
	Cuba	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
	United States	Mr. PICKERING
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91-60993/A 5386V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 12.10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1991 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/22864)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 17 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/22864. Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise applications for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the application of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. Moreover, the fourth paragraph of rule 60 stipulates that the Security Council should make its recommendation on the application not less than 25 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly following the receipt of the application, in order to ensure its consideration at the session.

(The President)

In view of the fact that the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly is scheduled to convene on 17 September, and bearing in mind the time-limits, I propose that the Committee on the Admission of New Members should meet this afternoon, 6 August, in Conference Room 7 in order to examine the application of the Federated States of Micronesia and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

I further propose that the Security Council should meet again on Thursday, 8 August, to consider and take a decision on the report of the Committee.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.

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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE THOUSANDTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 6 August 1991, at 12.15 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. BECHIO
	Cuba	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Romania	Mr. FLOREAN
	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. LOZINSKY
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91-60999/A 5387V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1991 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/22865)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 25 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/22865. Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise applications for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. Moreover, the fourth paragraph of rule 60 stipulates that the Security Council should make its recommendation on the application not less than 25 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly following the receipt of the application, in order to ensure its consideration at the session.

(The President)

In view of the fact that the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly is scheduled to convene on 17 September, and bearing in mind the time-limits, I propose that the Committee on the Admission of New Members should meet this afternoon, 6 August, in Conference Room 7 in order to examine the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and prepare the Committee's report to the Council.

I further propose that the Security Council should meet again on Thursday, 8 August, to consider and take a decision on the report of the Committee.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

I thank all members of the Council for having cooperated in the successful conclusion of this productive morning's business.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.

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S/PV.3001
8 August 1991

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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE THOUSAND AND FIRST MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Thursday, 8 August 1991, at 11 a.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. van DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. BECHIO
	Cuba	Mr. ALARCON de QUESADA
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Romania	Mr. MUNTEANU
	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	Mr. LOZINSKY
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
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91-61017/A 5420V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 11.30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/22895)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report (S/22895) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations. Those applications appear in documents S/22777 and S/22778, respectively.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations. I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

(The President)

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/22895) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been adopted without a vote as resolution 702 (1991).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

"By adopting resolution 702 (1991), the Security Council has taken another step towards the completion of a political process in exercise of one of the most important functions entrusted to it under the Charter of the United Nations, namely, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the admission of new Members to the Organization.

"The applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have been considered and unanimously adopted by the Security Council. The aspirations of the peoples and Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have harmoniously coincided. That is why the Security Council decided to consider and take a simultaneous decision on the admission of both parts of the Korean Peninsula to membership in the world Organization.

"This is a historic occasion for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the Asian continent and the world community of nations.

(The President)

"There can be no doubt that the Security Council's recommendation to the General Assembly advances and underscores the Organization's goal of universality. I am certain that, as new Members of our Organization, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will contribute positively to efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and strengthen respect for its purposes and principles.

"The admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will also reduce tensions in the region, create a favourable atmosphere for and facilitate the promotion of confidence-building measures in their bilateral relations and provide them with an appropriate forum in which to consider the many things they have in common and to overcome the few remaining obstacles to their unification.

"We have recently seen how countries that were once adversaries have found the necessary strength to put aside their differences in favour of their shared interest in promoting the well-being of their peoples and of the world in general. We are living in an age in which mankind seems to be regaining its senses. We can begin the next millennium in a more optimistic spirit. In the positive atmosphere resulting from the end of the cold war, we note with great satisfaction a new manifestation of constructive understanding: the recommendation, adopted by the Security Council, that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea become Members of the world Organization.

(The President)

"I wish to conclude by saying that, in my capacity as President of the Council and on behalf of all its members, I am on this historic occasion deeply honoured to address these words of congratulation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the Republic of Korea."

There being no other speakers, I take it that the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.

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S/PV.3002
9 August 1991

ENGLISH

PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE THOUSAND AND SECOND MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Friday, 9 August 1991, at 3 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. van DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mrs. KABA
	Cuba	Mr. ZAMORA RODRIGUEZ
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Romania	Mr. FLOREAN
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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. WOOD
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91-61023/A 5460V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/22896)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report (S/22896) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to membership in the United Nations.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for membership in the United Nations.

I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Federated States of Micronesia be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/22896) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been adopted without a vote as resolution 703 (1991).

(The President)

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council.

"In my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of the members of the Council, I should like to underscore the historic importance of the resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations. This resolution is without a doubt the logical follow-up to resolution 683 (1990), adopted by the Security Council on 22 December 1990, by which it terminated the trusteeship arrangement for the Territories of Micronesia.

"For the Security Council as well as for the Trusteeship Council, and for the United Nations as a whole, this resolution marks the culmination of an effort sustained over decades to enable the peoples of these Territories to take charge of their destiny and assume the place to which they are entitled in the community of nations.

"The universality of our Organization is steadily becoming a reality and gaining in significance as more and more of the States which make up the world community are admitted to membership.

"The founders of our Organization had precisely that objective in mind - namely, the formation of a single, universal entity in which all States would share responsibility for the preservation of international

(The President)

peace and security without distinction as to level of economic development, size of population, military might or any other factor.

"The Federated States of Micronesia will make an outstanding contribution to the United Nations by bringing to it an innovative approach and a fresh perspective on world affairs, in order to promote changes in established practices, many of which, as all the Members of the Organization are aware, are in need of renewal.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Federated States of Micronesia on the decision which the Council has adopted recommending to the General Assembly its admission to membership in the United Nations."

There being no other speakers, I take it that the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.

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9 August 1991

ENGLISH

PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE THREE THOUSAND AND THIRD MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Friday, 9 August 1991, at 3.35 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. van DAELE
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mrs. KABA
	Cuba	Mr. ZAMORA RODRIGUEZ
	France	Mr. ROCHEREAU DE LA SABLIERE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
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91-61029/A 5463V (E)

The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/22897)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report (S/22897) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for admission to membership in the United Nations.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application for membership in the United Nations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Republic of the Marshall Islands be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

(The President)

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/22897) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been adopted without a vote as resolution 704 (1991).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council.

"The resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations is a historic event. It marks the final steps in the process leading to the full integration of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the international community, a process that was given an impetus when the Security Council adopted resolution 683 (1990), by which the Council declared that the trusteeship arrangement for the Marshall Islands had come to an end.

"The resolution which the Security Council has adopted reconfirms the full validity of the basic ideal of the universality of the United Nations, which calls upon all States - large and small - to help foster peaceful and orderly international coexistence.

(The President)

"We can see today that as the United Nations gains in universality, the specific responsibilities of States are strengthened, as are their rights to participate in the decision-making process in areas of concern to the international community as a whole involving the maintenance of international peace and security and, above all, the promotion of cooperation among peoples.

"The admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership will serve to reaffirm the validity of the principles of the United Nations Charter and to facilitate the achievement of its purposes.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the Council's decision to recommend to the General Assembly that it be admitted as a member of the United Nations."

There being no other speakers, I take it that the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.